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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 132 are set out in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/69/422 and Add.1 and Add.2.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 40th and 44tth meetings, on 21 May and 24 June 2015. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/69/SR.40 and 44).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response

Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 under sections 5, Peacekeeping operations, 8, Legal affairs, 27, Humanitarian assistance, 29B, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, 29C, Office of Human Resources Management, 29D, Office of Central Support Services, 34, Safety and security, and 36, Staff assessment: Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (A/69/842)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/903)

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General

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Assembly and/or the Security Council, thematic cluster III: United Nations offices, peacebuilding support offices, integrated offices and commissions (A/69/363/Add.6)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/628/Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (A/69/363/Add.7)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/628/Add.2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels (A/69/363/Add.8)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/628/Add.3)

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.63

4. At its 44th meeting, on 24 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015" (A/C.5/69/L.63), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representatives of India and Australia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.63 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

The General Assembly,

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Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response

Recalling its resolution 69/3 of 9 October 2014 and section X of its resolution 69/262 of 29 December 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to section 5, Peacekeeping operations, section 8, Legal affairs, section 27, Humanitarian assistance, section 29B, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, section 29C, Office of Human Resources Management, section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, section 34, Safety and security, and section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Expresses gratitude* for the efforts of the Secretary-General and other actors in tackling the crisis caused by the Ebola outbreak and for the dedicated service and commitment of the personnel of the United Nations system engaged in the effort to combat the spread of the Ebola virus disease;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the contributions of the international community to the Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund, and encourages further contributions to support the financing of future United Nations activities in the most affected countries;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 6, section X, of its resolution 69/262, notes the inherent difficulties of determining resource and staffing levels accurately in the context of such unpredictable and volatile operating circumstances, and, however, continues to hold strong views that its previous concern has not fully been taken into account with regard to the staffing structure of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response and the Office of the Special Envoy;

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[1] A/69/842.

[2] A/69/903.

6. *Notes* that the liquidation of the United Nations Mission for Emergency Ebola Emergency Response is planned to be completed by 30 September 2015 and that the activities of the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola are planned to be finalized by 31 December 2015, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure a smooth and timely transition from the Mission and the Office of the Special Envoy to the United Nations country teams and other actors as a matter of priority;

7. *Takes note* of paragraphs 26 and 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the international community to continue to support the efforts of the Governments of the affected countries, including those related to recovery, building and strengthening their respective public health infrastructures;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, at the first part of its resumed seventieth session, to provide detailed information, in the context of his lessons learned exercise, on the coordination activities of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response and the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola with the wider United Nations system, the Governments of the most affected countries and other actors;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the report mentioned in paragraph 9 above, to include the results of his in-depth review of the organizational, administrative and planning aspects, and operation on the ground, as well as information on the final performance, including the liquidation and the disposal of the assets, of the Mission and the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola;

11. *Welcomes* the establishment of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises, which will take into account, inter alia, the recent experience in dealing with the Ebola outbreak, and encourages the Secretary-General to ensure that the lessons learned exercises are complementary;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the disposal of all assets upon the liquidation of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response in accordance with the United Nations regulations and rules;

13. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of $87,839,700 (net of staff assessment) of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, comprising $862,300 under section 5, Peacekeeping operations, $100,200 under section 8, Legal affairs, $84,539,100 under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, $150,200 under section 29B, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, $828,000 under section 29C, Office of Human Resources Management, $1,244,700 under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, $115,200 under section 34, Safety and security, and $2,831,700 under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

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Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Recalling section VI of its resolution 68/247 A, its resolutions 68/248 A and C of 27 December 2013, section II of its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014, its resolution 68/280 of 30 June 2014 and section IV of its resolution 69/262 of 29 December 2014,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council concerning the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, the United Nations Electoral Observer Mission in Burundi, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and the Panel of Experts on South Sudan,[3] as well as the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[3]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Takes note* of paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[5]

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the staffing structure of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya under review, including in the Electoral Assistance Division, the Human Rights, Transitional Justice and Rule of Law Division and the Security Sector Advisory and Coordination Division, in order to ensure the effective mandate delivery of the mission;

5. *Recalls* paragraphs 36 and 37 (b) of the report of the Advisory Committee,[5] and decides to approve the establishment of two Security Officer positions within existing resources;

6. *Takes note* of paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[6] and decides to establish three positions, one P-3 and two General Service (Other level);

7. *Recalls* paragraph 42 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[7] and requests the Secretary-General to provide, in the context of the next budget submission, information on the utilization of the resources provided to non-United Nations personnel;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 44 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[7] and requests the Secretary-General to provide information on the use of private security companies in all future budgets for special political missions;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 47 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[7] and decides to reduce the proposed resources for official travel for 2015 by $93,700;

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[3] A/69/363/Add.6 to 8.
[4] A/69/628/Add.1 to 3.
[5] A/69/628/Add.1.
[6] A/69/628/Add.3.
[7] A/69/628/Add.2.

10. *Decides* to approve resources for 2015 for the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and the Panel of Experts on South Sudan in the amount of $236,226,900 net of staff assessment;

11. *Also decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an additional amount of $73,130,500 under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, after taking into account the unencumbered balances and the amounts appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 69/262;

12. *Further decides* to appropriate an amount of $8,755,900 under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.